

**DECLARATION CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27 (b)**

JOINT INDEPENDENT INVENTORS

As the below named joint inventors, we hereby declare that:

We qualify as independent inventors as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRADING ELECTRICAL POWER

described in the specification filed August 18, 199, and assigned Serial No. 08/516,646.

We have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which we have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

[] no such person, concern, or organization.
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***NOTE:** Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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We acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR TRADING ELECTRICAL POWER

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim no foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

I hereby claim no benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application.

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